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SUBJ: PAKISTAN FLOOD RELIEF - AIRLIFT OF POL

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1. CHARGE, AID RECTOR AND CHIEF ENGINEER MET WITH
SECRETARY JAFAREY, PLANNING DIVISION, AUGUST 29 TO DISCUSS
REFTEL. JAFAREY REVIEWED PROBLEM OF RAIL TRANSPORT.
HE STATED THAT ONLY SEVENTY RAIL CARS PER DAY ARE PRESENTLY
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ABLE TO MOVE AT VERY REDUCED SPEEDS (LESS THAN TEN MILES

PER HOUR DUE TO SATURATED EMBANKMENTS). OF THE SEVENTY RAIL CAR CAPACITY, FORTY-FIVE HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED TO FUEL, GIVING MAXIMUM CURRENT CAPACITY OF ABOUT 234,000 GALLONS. ON THIS BASIS, JAFAREY RECONFIRMED NEED TO MOVE AN ADDITIONAL 400,000 GALLONS PER DAY TO THE NORTH.

2. CHARGE REVIEWED PROBLEMS OF COST AND LOGISTICS AND ASKED WHETHER TWO PLANES WITH CAPACITY FOR MOVING 36,000 GALLONS, BASED ON OUR ASSUMPTION THAT THREE TRIPS PER DAY PROBABLY MAXIMUM CAPACITY, WOULD BE WORTHWHILE SUPPLEMENT TO RAIL CAPACITY. JAFAREY NOTED THAT THIS REPRESENTED HALF OF THE KEROSENE REQUIREMENT FOR AREA WEST OF CHENAB AND WOULD INDEED BE VERY USEFUL. JAFAREY WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE WOULD VERY MUCH HOPE THAT WE COULD PROVIDE AT LEAST FOUR PLANES. CHARGE SPECIFICALLY DISCUSSED ABILITY TO LOAD AND OFFLOAD FUEL. LOADING AT KARACHI WOULD BE BY SERVICE FUEL TRUCK, ESTIMATING 6,000 GALLONS IN LESS THAN ONE HOUR. FOR OFFLOADING, OFFICIALS HOPE THAT PLANES WILL HAVE POWER DISCHARGE PUMPS IN WHICH CASE OFFLOADING CAN BE COMPLETED IN LESS THAN ONE HOUR: ALTERNATIVELY IT WOULD TAKE TWO TO THREE HOURS BY GRAVITY. BELIEVE C-141 BEST SUITED TO MISSION. AUTHORITIES CONFIRM BULK HANDLING IN BLADDER PREFERABLE TO DRUMS. JAFAREY ASSURED US THAT THERE WOULD BE ADEQUATE TRUCKS FOR BOTH LOADING AND OFF-LOADING PURPOSES AT BOTH LAHORE AND RAWALPINDI ON ASSUMPTION FOUR PLANES ARE PROVIDED. OFFICIALS CONFIRMED THAT OPERATIONS CAN CONTINUE THROUGH THE NIGHT AT RAWALPINDI AND PROMISED DEFINITIVE ANSWER REGARDING NIGHT OPERATIONS IN LAHORE SOONEST.

3. CHARGE ASKED HOW SOON LAND OPERATIONS ARE LIKELY TO BE SUFFICIENTLY IMPROVED TO CARRY ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS. JAFAREY REPLIED THAT, OF COURSE, EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO INCREASE LAND CAPACITY. WHILE ANSWER DEPENDENT ON RAINFALL AND OTHER FACTORS, HE GUESSED THAT LAND CAPACITY WOULD NOT BE RESTORED FOR BETWEEN TEN AND THIRTY DAYS. THUS, HE PUT PREMIUM ON ABILITY TO PUT AIRLIFT OPERATION INTO PLACE QUICKLY.

4. CHARGE QUERIED WHETHER GOP COULD PAY JET
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FUEL COST FOR PLANES. JAFAREY PROMISED AN EARLY REPLY TO THIS QUESTION. JAFAREY SUBSEQUENTLY CHECKED THIS QUESTION WITH SECRETARY GENERAL OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT KAZI. JAFAREY SAID IN VIEW OF ENORMOUS DEMAND ON GOVERNMENT IN TERMS OF BOTH FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND RUPEES RESULTING FROM FLOOD, GOP VERY MUCH HOPED THAT JET FUEL COSTS COULD BE HANDLED BY USG. IF, ON OTHER HAND, OUR OWN CONSTRAINTS MADE THIS THE CRUCIAL ELEMENT

IN DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT TO PROVIDE TRANSPORT,
GOP WOULD PROBABLY LOOK FAVORABLY ON ASSUMING THIS COST.

5. BASED ON ABOVE AND ON HIGH PRIORITY GOP PLACES ON
THIS REQUIREMENT, WE RECOMMEND USG SUPPLY FOUR C-141
AIRCRAFT. AIRCRAFT ARE NEEDED SOONEST AND COULD BE MOST
USEFUL FOR AS LONG AS 30 DAYS IN COUNTRY. PLEASE ADVISE HOW FAR
WE CAN MEET GOP REQUIREMENT.
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